

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/19/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-9 and 15-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert M. Barrett on September 28, 2005. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A flavor active compound obtained by reacting Arg-Phe and optionally one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of ~~Arg-Phe~~, Ala-Glu, Glu-Ala, Val-Ala, Phe-Glu, Thr-Leu, Tyr-Val, Val-Tyr, Pro-Val, Asp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Phe-ala, Ala-Phe, Tyr-Ala, Ala-Tyr, Lys, Glu, Lys-Phe, Val-Lys, Val-Phe, Leu-Leu, and Met-Tyr together and least one reducing sugar to a Maillard reaction under condition sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein the reducing sugars ~~include~~ consist of fructose, glucose, xylose, maltose, lactose, fucose, arabinose, galactose or rhamnose.

Claim 6 (original) A food product, cosmetic product or pharmaceutical product containing a flavor effective amount of a flavor active compound according to claim 1.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The product of claim 6, in the form of a food product ~~which comprises~~ consisting of chocolate, milk, yogurt, pudding, ice cream, a beverage, baby food, a prepared food, or a pet food.

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Claim 8 (currently amended) A process for preparing a flavor active compound which comprises subjecting Arg-Phe and optionally one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of ~~Arg-Phe~~, Ala-Glu, Glu-Ala, Val-Ala, Phe-Glu, Thr-Leu, Tyr-Val, Val-Tyr, Pro-Val, Asp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Phe-ala, Ala-Phe, Tyr-Ala, Ala-Tyr, Lys, Glu, Lys-Phe, Val-Lys, Val-Phe, Leu-Leu, and Met-Tyr together and least one reducing sugar to a Maillard reaction under condition sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the reducing sugars ~~comprise~~ consist of fructose, glucose, xylose, maltose, lactose, fucose, arabinose, galactose or rhamnose.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The process according to claim 8, wherein the flavor active compound is added to a food product, cosmetic product or pharmaceutical product.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The process according to claim 15, wherein the flavor active compound is added to ~~in the form of~~ a food product ~~which comprises~~ consisting of chocolate, milk, yogurt, pudding, ice cream, a beverage, baby food, a prepared food, or a pet food.

Claim 17 (previously presented) A flavor active compound obtained by reacting Arg-Phe with fructose in a Maillard reaction under conditions sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

Claim 18 (previously presented) A food product containing a flavor effective amount of a flavor active compound according to claim 17.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The product of claim 18, ~~which includes chocolate~~ wherein the food product is a chocolate confectionary product.

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Claim 20 (currently amended) A process for preparing the flavor active compound of claim 17 which comprises ~~subjecting~~ reacting Arg-Phe to a ~~Maillard reaction~~ with fructose in a Maillard reaction under conditions sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

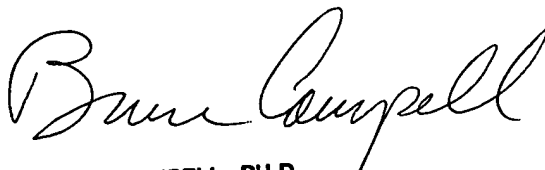
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer I. Harle whose telephone number is (571) 272-2763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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